

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 35, line 20, to page 36, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The currency notes fed from the feed roller 50 along the short length thereof is delivered from the roller or a drum 53 serving as a delivering mechanism. The delivery roller 53 and the feed roller 50 are for example a drive roller of 50 mm in diameter that is rotationally driven in unison by a timing belt 54 (see FIG. 2). To assure a secure feeding of the currency notes, a part of the outer peripheral surface of the delivery roller ~~[[54]]~~ 53 is replaced with a friction member 55. The peripheral length of the friction member 55 is longer than that of the friction member 51 (e.g., 7 to 15 mm) formed in the feed roller 50. The delivery roller 53 and the feed roller 50 are provided with balancer weights 52 and 56 at locations confronting diametrically the friction members 51 and 55 to thereby provide a rotational balance.

Please replace the paragraph at page 49, lines 1-3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The paper identification counter 10 as shown in FIG. ~~[[5]]~~ 7 is provided with a conveyance passage opening mechanism for opening the conveyance passage.

Please replace the paragraph at page 49, lines 4-7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

FIG. ~~[[5]]~~ 7 shows the back side conveyance passage opening mechanism 112 for releasing the descending rectilinear conveyance passage 48a of the conveyance passage 48.

Please replace the paragraph at page 50, lines 2-15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The wrist pin of the upper guide arm 115 is engaged with the lock means 118 so that the back side conveyance passage opening mechanism 112 is held at a set position indicated by a solid line in FIG. 7. The hand-lever 117 is gripped and then is pulled towards the operator in such a manner as to lift up the upper guide arm 115 to thereby simply and easily open the back side conveyance passage opening mechanism 112. The rear opening guide arm mechanism 114 of the thus opening back side conveyance passage opening mechanism 112 rotates counterclockwise in FIG. [[5]] 7 around the pivot 113, while rotating the upper guide arm 115 around the link with the lower guide arm 116 to thereby open or release the rectilinear conveyance passage 48a to a large extent.

Please replace the paragraph at page 50, lines 16-25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The lower guide arm 116 of the frame structure is provided with an inlet side conveyance driven roller 72 and a U-shaped curvilinear guide plate 71. The lower guide 116 is rotated counterclockwise in FIG. [[5]] 7 around the pivot 113 so that the U-shaped curvilinear conveyance passage 48b can be widely opened. The opening of the U-shaped curvilinear conveyance passage 48b enables the currency notes jammed on the U-shaped curvilinear conveyance passage 48b to simply and easily be removed from the back side of the counter body 11.